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NPIC/PEG (10/83)**AGUSTA A.109 HELICOPTERS**  
**RASHEED AIRFIELD, IRAQ**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** TWO AGUSTA A.109 HIGH-SPEED MULTIROLE HELICOPTERS ARE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN IRAQ. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE A.109, WHICH HAVE ARRIVED [REDACTED] HAVE PROBABLE WEAPONS PYLONS MOUNTED. THE HELICOPTERS MAY BE HERE FOR A SALES DEMONSTRATION, AS THIS AIRFIELD HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST FOR DEMONSTRATIONS BY FOREIGN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS FOR POSSIBLE SALES TO IRAQ. MILITARY VERSIONS OF THE ITALIAN-MADE A.109 CAN BE CONFIGURED FOR UTILITY, ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES (ECM), AIR AMBULANCE, SCOUT/ATTACK/AIR DEFENSE, AND ANTITANK ROLES. THE A.109 CAN BE ARMED WITH VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF WEAPONS INCLUDING HOT OR TOW ANTITANK MISSILES. NAVAL VERSIONS OF THE A.109 CAN BE CONFIGURED FOR ANTISURFACE VESSEL AND ANTISUBMARINE ELECTRONIC WARFARE, ARMED PATROL, SEARCH AND RESCUE, AIR AMBULANCE, AND UTILITY. (SWN)

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RASHEED AIRFIELD, A MAJOR IRAQI FIGHTER BASE AND TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR NEW AIRCRAFT, IS ON THE SOUTHEAST EDGE OF BAGHDAD. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 33-16-50N 044-29-38E

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